

Coll. Germaine de Puy-Nouvel
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My Dear Sister Adelinda:-

It is with untold pleasure to myself that I am able to inform you today that Cornelis had undergone a most remarkable and very successful operation on Wednesday the 21st ulto. He is now restfully spending his after-operation days at the hospital pending his complete recovery. Everything had progressed very satisfactorily up to now and his wound is healing rapidly. I am now in hopes that the Doctor will allow him to leave the Hospital on Saturday the 7th. of February completely cured. Then he can stay with us until he returns to Aruba. I expect to leave New York for San Juan, Porto Rico on a steamer sailing the 14th of February and in all likelihood he will come on that same boat and ship from Porto Rico to Curacao a distance of but two days. If his doctor does not order him to remain under observation in New York for a longer period and we carry out the above programme, you can safely expect to see him well and happy again in Aruba in the early twenties of February. On the day after his operation nll. the 21st. ulto. and following my learning from his surgeon the positive result and outlook of the case I cabled you as follows:

EMAN

ARUBA (via Curacao D.W.I.)

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

GROES

which message I hope you had received in good time and had relieved you all from unnecessary worriment. Cornelis himself is not writing today as he is not yet able to sit up to do so, at least his doctor does not allow him to exert himself as yet; you will, however, no doubt, receive a letter from himself by the next steamer. You will I know communicate this news to all his immediate relatives and all friends who ask for him.

The diagnosis of his case was "HYPERNEPHROMA", a species of tumor that ~~was~~ adhered to all his abdominal organs and arose from a kidney. The operation was of a most delicate nature for the tumor adhered to his entire peritoneum, but thanks to a very skillful specialist in the line (Dr. Torek) his life was saved. Dr Torek also told me that unless the same was removed, his days would have been limited as the tumor was growing rapidly, crowding the rest of his organs which would have resulted in death amid great agony.

You will now, I don't doubt ~~that~~ feel happy that all these dreadful probabilities are over and that he had come to New York, the city he had always thought so much of, and had his precious life saved for you and his children. He was nervous through it all but he was very brave, never thinking of himself but only of yourself and his dear children at home.

With my best love to you all and hoping you are now happy,
Your beloved brother,

Lofted

685 Riverside Drive, New York
January 27/14

28 "Correspondence"

My Dear Sister Abigail:-

It is with untold pleasure to myself that I am able to inform you today that Cornelius had undergone a most remarkable and very successful operation on Wednesday the 21st inst. He is now peacefully spending his after-operation days at the hospital pending his complete recovery. Everything had progressed very satisfactorily up to now and his wound is healing rapidly. I am now in hopes that the doctor will allow him to leave the Hospital on Saturday the 25th of February. Then he can stay with us until he returns to America. I expect to leave New York for San Francisco on a steamer sailing the 14th of February and in all likelihood he will come on that same boat and stay from Porto Rico to Guaymas a distance of but two days. If his doctor does not order him to remain under observation in New York for a longer period and we carry out the above programme, you can safely expect to see him well and happy again in the early twenties of February. On Monday after his operation all the 21st inst. and following my feelings from his surgeon the positive result and outlook of the case I copied you as follows:

ABIGAIL (via Chicago N.Y.C.)

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

which message I hope you had received in good time and had relieved you all from unnecessary worry. Cornelius himself is not writing today as he is not yet able to sit up to do so, at least his doctor does not allow him to exert himself as yet; you will, however, no doubt, receive a letter from him by the next steamer. You will know communicate this news to all his immediate relatives and all friends who ask for him.

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With my best love to you all and hoping you are now happy,
Your devoted brother,

My Dear Sister:-

Cornelius arrived last Friday (the 16th) on the Maracaibo at about five o'clock in the afternoon. I had succeeded in meeting him at the Pier and brought him to the Hotel Marseilles for a day or so before entering the Hospital. The Marseilles is a hotel close to where I live and I was therefor able to be most of the time with him. I very much wanted to have him at our Apartment but as my wife was very ill at the time and had been so ever since the beginning of the year such an arrangement was not possible then altho I have it now arranged that just as soon as he is out of the Hospital, he can come to stay with us until his return to Aruba. He only had to remain two days at the Hotel however as Sunday (the 18th) inst. I took him to the German Hospital where he is in Room #15, Private Patient Dept. and is being well taken care of. I go to see him every day.

Last Saturday (the 17th) I took him to Dr. Torek for examination he was thoroughly inspected, Dr. Torek pronouncing afterwards that the tumor he has can be removed without any danger to his life. Torek is considered one of the best specialists of the line in the United States. Yesterday and today X-Ray pictures of the tumor are being made and I suppose he will go on the table probably tomorrow or the day after. I will advise you by cable which you will receive long before this letter how every thing went. I shall see to it and am now doing my best that he shall not be wanting in anything. I am only sorry that he is so exceedingly nervous that nothing seem to comfort him, but all that will pass with the operation, the result of which he still very much dreads in spite of the assurance of the specialist that it can be accomplished successfully. I have myself every hope in his recovery and that in two weeks time he will be out of the Hospital, a new man, when we can have him with us at our house to gain strenght until his return to Aruba. I have arranged that I shall not sail away from New York until he is cured and in good condition. It is probable that he and I will sail for the South together on the same steamer as my first stop will be Porto Rico, and we can go that far together.

You will probably also receive Cornelis letter by this same mail and you must in reading his letter be guided by the thought that whatever he writes is highly superinduced by a very nervous temperament and should not be taken to mean in fact what he states. I will write to you later and keep you posted, you may continue to address him in care of Iglesias, Lobo. I have made arrangement with that firm to deliver his mail to me for transmission to him at the Hospital. It is now of course unnecessary for you to cable me as requested in my previous letter regarding Cornelis arrival, and I hope you had understood my letter accordingly. With my best love to you and the children, which also you will kindly transmit to the elder folks at home,

Yours brother,

Joseph

from 552 Riverside Drive

New York, January 13/14

Per SS "Philadelphia"

My Dear Sister:-

Adeline

I have received your letter and regret uttermost to learn of Cornelis' condition. It goes without saying that you can or he can freely depend upon me to do anything in my power to assist him and you can rest tranquilly that I shall procure for him the best there is in New York in the way of Hospitals and surgeons. Meantime, do not worry. The surgical science in this country has attained such degree of perfection, that operations are no longer dangerous if there is any chance of saving life through such. I do not yet know the nature of his ailment and I must now wait until he arrives so that I secure proper specialists in those branches.

I regret that you have not given me more details in your letter so that I could be prepared to meet him with some details already accomplished. I notice you do not state the name of the Steamer on which he is due to arrive New York. I have tried to find this out from some Export merchants who do business with Aruba and Curacao, but it seems that they, neither have any information in this regard. Unless therefor, that you have written to me in the meantime stating the name of the boat so that I can meet him at the Pier when he arrives please cable the name of the Steamer. Simply use these words:

CROSS

New York

(one word stating steamer name, no signature)

I am sending a copy of this letter to Aruba and the other copy to Curacao, so that there shall be no delay in your getting same. The SS "Maracaibo" of the Red "D" Line is due to arrive New York on the 16th. of this month, so, in case he had sailed on the "Maracaibo" there is no need of your cabling as I do not suppose you will receive this letter until about the 20th. inst. The following Red "D" Liner the SS "Caracas" is due to arrive here on the 22nd. and if you get this letter before that date namely the 22nd. you can cable me, in case he is on the Caracas or any other boat of the Royal Dutch line due in New York later than the 22nd. I shall, in the meantime do my best to meet him without your cable advice, you will however understand that to know the name of the steamer is of supreme importance.

I had expected to sail for Cuba and Porto Rico within a week or so but I will now postpone my trip until I had seen him and he is safely over his operation. Meantime you can be sure that there will be nothing that he will be in want of, I shall take great pleasure in seeing to it that he is abundantly provided.

Address me as usual to 552 Riverside Drive, and write either in English or Dutch. With best love and wishes to you and all the folks at home, I remain,

Your brother as always,

Robert

I am writing to you today to tell you about the things that have happened to me since I last wrote to you. I have been very busy with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking about you a lot and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking about you a lot and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking about you a lot and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy.

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